

**Stop treating us  
like garbage.**



**Recycling  
is good for  
the environment  
and our local  
economy.**

**Learn what you can do at home.**

**All of these can be comingled in your Republic recycling cart.**

**Shrink wrap • Plastic Film • Plastic Grocery Bags  
Clean Aluminum Foil • Aluminum • Tin & Steel Cans  
Plastic Bottles Marked 1-7 • Glass Jars • Bottles  
Cardboard • Boxboard • Brown Paper Bags  
Office Paper • Manila Folders (staples are okay)**

**Reduce Reuse Recycle**

# The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities



**Does the lid have to close all the way?**

- As long as the top covers the bags inside and nothing is falling out, it is acceptable.
- Items of any type longer than 4 feet in length must be cut down in order to fit in the top of the CNG trucks.



**What if I have a bag that won't fit inside with the lid down?**

- Fill your trash cart completely before leaving bagged waste outside of the cart.
- Close the lid then place the bag on top of the tote.
- Do not place the bag beside the tote on the ground unless it has an overage tag. Overage tags are available for \$2.50 each at any Carmel Utilities office.



**Yard Waste**

- Please place as much yard waste as possible into the cart. It is permissible for a small amount of yard waste to stick out of the cart.
- During the months of April, May, October and November each home is allowed up to 20 bags/ bundles of yard waste per week free of charge.
- During the remaining months each home is allowed one tied bundle 4 feet or less per week free of charge.
- Large branches such as shown in the above picture must be cut into shorter sections and tied into bundles.



## Carmel Utilities recognized in CarmelFest Parade

Carmel Utilities was honored in the 2014 CarmelFest parade by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. The recognition was for winning the 2013 Green award for the city-wide curbside recycling program. Representing the customers of Carmel Utilities in the parade were Shiva and Sitha Vallabhaneni. Shiva and Sitha are Carmel High School students and are board members of the Carmel Green Teens Microgrant Program. They are both very involved in local environmental initiatives.



## Christmas Tree Pick-up

The City trash program includes pick up of one Christmas tree per home. We collect Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled collection days during the first two weeks of January.

- Trees must be cut in sections 4 feet or less. If the tree section is longer than 4 feet, it will not fit into the cage at the top of the CNG trucks.
- Cut all trees taller than six feet in half.
- Remove all tree bags, ornaments, tinsel and stands.



## Tired of raking and bagging leaves this past fall?

Try using a mulching lawnmower! Mulching lawnmowers use a special type of blade along with baffling under the deck that produces a fine layer of leaf confetti. This leaf confetti falls to the soil and improves the soil's water retention in the summer and provides critical nutrients, reducing the need for fertilizer. Mulching the leaves back into the lawn is cost effective and labor saving compared with other



methods of dealing with leaves. Mulching leaves is fundamentally better not just for the biodiversity and organic matter of the soil but for the environment by keeping them out of bags and landfills.

## Lend-A-Bin Recycling bins for your event

**Carmel Green Initiative's Lend-A-Bin program has portable recycling bins available for public and private events. For information about how you may borrow recycling bins for your next event, visit [www.carmelgreen.org](http://www.carmelgreen.org)**



## Holiday Reminder

Trash collection will not pick up on the following holidays.

Service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week following the holiday.

**Memorial Day**

**Labor Day**

**July 4th**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Christmas Day**

**New Years Day**

## In the event of a major snow or ice storm

The Carmel street department does a fantastic job keeping the streets salted and plowed during inclement weather. In the event of a major storm, trash and recycling service may be delayed. Please refer to the front page of the city website [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov) where any delays will be posted. It will also be posted on the Carmel Utilities Facebook and Twitter sites. Also be aware that any news broadcasts about trash service with Republic Services in Indianapolis or other communities may not apply to service in Carmel.

## Did You Know?

- **Glass never wears out—it can be recycled forever**
- **Glass recycling is often separated into colors because glass keeps its color after recycling**
- **Used aluminum cans are recycled and back on the shelf as new cans in as few as 60 days**
- **For every \$1,000 of fast food sales, 200 pounds of trash is created**

## Business Trash & Recycling Service

The features and benefits of the City of Carmel residential trash and recycling program are now available to non-residential businesses and organizations within the City limits of Carmel. It has the same monthly cost (\$9.61 in 2015) and cart sizes (96 gallon trash & recycling) as the residential program. Pick-up logistic review and pre-approval is required.

**For more information go to [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov), Utilities Department, Trash & Recycling for businesses or call 317-571-2673.**

## Carmel Utilities wins 2014 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence are presented annually to recognize extraordinary environmental practices. Categories include Energy/Renewable Resources, Greening the Government, Land Use, Outreach or Education, Pollution Prevention, Recycling/Reuse, and Five Years Continuous Improvement. City of Carmel Utilities won the category for Recycling/Reuse for the citywide trash and recycling program. Carmel Utilities implemented the program to provide



affordable service for all homes and townhomes by offering curbside recycling pickup upon request. Residential participation in curbside recycling has increased from 30 percent to more than 80 percent since the program's inception.

## For Expedient Service:

**Contact Republic Services at 917-7300 ext. 0 for all:**

- Missed trash & recycling pick-ups
- Requests for additional carts
- Large item pick-up
- Request for cart repairs

**Contact Carmel Utilities at 571-2673 if Republic Services is unresponsive to your request.**